

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 598 without my signature.

While I support improving access to Career Technical Education (CTE) courses for all high school students, I do not believe that this bill is necessary or clear in its intent. Current law already allows for high school students to attend community college CTE courses for high school or college credit, and does not prohibit the use of guest lecturers on high school campuses.

Instead, I am signing both Senate Bill 859 and Senate Bill 52; both of which will improve access to qualified CTE teachers for our high schools. SB 859 authorizes current and former postsecondary teachers, including community college CTE teachers, to receive a visiting faculty permit to teach in K-12 schools. SB 52 streamlines the current credentialing process for CTE teachers, allowing the flexibility for schools to assign qualified CTE teachers in the classroom.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger